

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 466**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Steinberg**

February 14, 2003

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An act to add Section 6105 to the Public Contract Code, relating to public contracts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 466, as introduced, Steinberg. Contracting preferences: wood materials and products.

Existing law governing contracting by public entities recognizes various preferences, including preferences granted to local contractors, small businesses, and suppliers of recycled and compost products.

This bill would prohibit state agencies from purchasing wood materials or wood products derived from ancient trees, unless specified requirements are met.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6105 is added to the Public Contract  
2 Code, to read:  
3 6105. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a state  
4 agency may not purchase wood materials or wood products  
5 derived from, or manufactured from, an ancient forest tree, unless  
6 the wood material or product meets either of the following  
7 requirements:

1 (1) It is produced from a forest that has been certified by a  
2 certification organization that is accredited by the Forest  
3 Stewardship Council as being soundly managed.

4 (2) It is a reclaimed wood product, whenever alternative wood  
5 materials or wood products are available.

6 (b) The following definitions apply to this section:

7 (1) “Ancient forest tree” means a tree 200 years of age or older,  
8 of those commercial species defined in Section 895.1 of Title 14  
9 of the California Code of Regulations, as that section was in effect  
10 January 1, 2001.

11 (2) “Available” means providing comparable delivery  
12 services and packaging specifications that the agency requires  
13 from all suppliers of that wood material or wood product. A state  
14 agency may not establish specifications that unnecessarily prevent  
15 compliance with this section.

16 (3) “Reclaimed wood” means wood salvaged from old  
17 buildings, discarded pallets, or other post-consumer sources that  
18 is suitable for reuse.

19 (c) This section applies to procurement and purchases of  
20 products that include all of the following:

21 (1) Wood construction materials, including, but not limited to,  
22 lumber, plywood, framing, siding, beams, joists, underlayment,  
23 flooring, paneling, veneer, trim, molding, doors, windows, stair  
24 parts, fencing, and decking.

25 (2) Wood furniture, including, but not limited to, desks, chairs,  
26 tables, bookshelves, benches, playground equipment, and  
27 cabinets.

28 (3) Signs, posts, frames, boxes, clocks, plaques, and turning  
29 blanks.

30 (d) This section does not apply to contracts for purchases of one  
31 thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less.

